

**Committee of Physical Therapy
Minutes**

Date: February 10, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Cumberland Conference Room
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

Members Present: Dr. J. Randy Walker, Jr., Chair
Blake Murphy
Brigina Wilkerson
Teresa B. Johnston, Secretary

Members Absent: Robbie Bell, Ex Officio

Staff Present: Marva Swann, Unit Director
Mary V. Webb, Board Administrator
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager
Lea Ann Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator
Lisa Tittle, Administrative Manager

Guest (s) Mike Harkreader, Representative of TNPAP
Tanya Johnson, applicant
Allan Valenzuela, applicant
Christy Hoffman Gardner, applicant

With a quorum being present, Dr. J. Randy Walker, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Office of General Counsel (OGC)

Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney, advised the Committee of the Conflict of Interest Policy and for anyone who had not signed a form to please do so.

OGC Contested Case(s)/Agreed Order(s)/Consent Order(s)/Order of Compliance

Ms. Nicole Armstrong presented the Committee with an order of compliance on Allan Valenzuela, PT. Ms. Armstrong explained to the Committee that Mr. Valenzuela had complied with terms and conditions of the consent order that was imposed in November 2004. A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the order of compliance for Allan Valenzuela. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations Reports

Disciplinary Report – Lea Phelps reported that there are currently two (2) physical therapist assistants and two (2) physical therapists being monitored.

Investigative Report – There are currently nine (9) open complaints in the office of investigations.

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A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the November 2004 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Legislation

Jerry Kosten presented the committee with a roll call vote for a rulemaking hearing which was held on January 17, 2006 regarding:

- A. Initial PT/PTA licensees to take the Ethics and Jurisprudence courses
- B. Advertising
- C. The frequency of the Ethics and Jurisprudence requirement for PTs/PTAs

Ms. Johnston made a motion to adopt the new rule and which was seconded by Ms. Wilkerson. The motion carried. All board members were in agreement with the new rule by saying aye.

Rulemaking hearing for April 18, 2006 regarding:

- A. Alternative accreditation agencies for foreign trained therapists
- B. Stays and reconsiderations of disciplinary orders

A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson for the rulemaking hearing. The motion carried.

Discussion

Credentialing Agencies - Dr. Walker conferred with Sue Lindeblad of FCCPT regarding other credentialing agencies that prepare credential evaluations for foreign trained therapists. Dr. Walker stated that Ms. Lindeblad stated that I.E.R.F. had adopted FCCPT course work tool. Ms. Armstrong stated that her research showed that most schools do not follow the course work evaluation tool similar to FCCPT. Dr. Walker asked the other committee members if they had any thoughts regarding the issue, and there were none.

Discharge of PT patients – Dr. Walker presented to the Committee a letter that he had received from several physical therapists in the Knoxville area seeking clarification regarding the discharge summary in an acute care setting. Dr. Cathy Hinton says that the problem arises when a licensee takes the Ethics and Jurisprudence courses and the course teaches that the evaluation must be written by a physical therapist when sometimes a physical therapist is not the last person to see the patient.

Ms. Wilkerson would like to carry forward with this issue. Ms. Wilkerson met with Ms. Reynolds, PT supervisor at UT Medical Center. Ms. Reynolds will assist with adopting a policy statement regarding this issue and Ms. Wilkerson will present it at the May board meeting.

Revenue Projections report/financial report – The Committee wanted a report on the PT financial status from Lisa Tittle for the purpose of possibly decreasing the renewal fees. Lisa Tittle, Administrative Manager for Revenue, explained to the Committee that as of June 30, 2005 the Committee had \$1,255,613.54 in cumulative carryover; and, the board's new computer system "MARS" will cost about \$350,000.00 a year to maintain. The cost of this new system will be shared by the rest of the Health Related Boards. Ms. Tittle said that it may cost the PT Board about \$12,000.00 from its budget. Ms. Tittle also reminded the Committee of the impending move to take place at Metro Center this spring. This move from the downtown location will also be costly and take away from the PT budget. Ms. Tittle agreed to bring the Committee a thorough report back at the May board meeting.

OT/PT, TN Nurses Foundation contract July 1, 2006 – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to renew the TNPAP contract. The motion carried.

Review of PT/PTA files - Ms. Marva Swann asked Dr. Walker if he had given any more thought for the Board to have a PT consultant to review files for remediations and credential reviews for foreign trained therapists. Dr. Walker said that he had not because of his work schedule.

Audits for PT – Dr. Walker would like for the Board Administrative staff to find out when there might be an audit and what percentage of licensees will be selected.

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews

Maria Warrick – reinstatement of a retired license since 2001. A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to deny reinstatement until Ms. Warrick has completed 100 hours of supervised voluntary training and 20 hours of continuing competence pursuant to rule 1150-1-.12. The motion carried.

Christy Hoffman Gardner – reinstatement of retired license since 2002 - Ms. Gardner was present and wanted the Committee to allow her do a clinical research project in lieu of getting the 100 hours of clinical supervision. Ms. Johnston asked Ms. Gardner how many continuing education hours had she completed. Ms. Gardner said that it was hard for her to do the 100 hours and get the continuing education because she is a stay at home mother. Ms. Wilkerson asked if the Physical Therapist who will be supervising Ms. Gardner is in the TN area. Ms. Gardner answered “no”. Ms. Wilkerson explained to Ms. Gardner that her supervision must be done by a licensed PT who practices in TN. Mr. Murphy asked Ms. Gardner if it would be easier for her to retake the exam o as opposed to completing the required 100 hours clinical supervision and 30 hours of continuing education. Ms. Gardner replied that the Committee is being too excessive. A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to deny reinstatement of license until Ms. Gardner has met the requirements for reinstatement by providing proof of 100 hours of clinical supervision and 30 hours of continuing education. The motion carried.

Amanda Robinson - DUI conviction in 2001 – a motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve Ms. Robinson for a license to practice as a PTA. The motion carried.

Robert McCray – reinstatement of retired license since 1998 – a motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to delay the reinstatement application for Mr. McCray until our office has received proof of an active license and employment as a PT in the state of KY. The motion carried.

Cynthia Hill – reinstatement of retired license in 2004 – has not practiced in 11 years – a motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to delay the application until Ms. Hill shows proof of 100 hours of clinical supervision and 30 hours of continuing education. The motion carried.

Tanya Gay Johnson – reinstatement of retired license since 1996 – has not practiced in 8 years. A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Johnston that Ms. Johnson to show proof of 100 hours of supervised training and 30 hours of continuing education. The motion carried.

Remediation Reviews

Remediation plans need to be submitted for applicants who have attempted the NPTE two or more times and failed. The remediation plans will need to be approved by the TN Committee before an applicant can retake the exam.

Deborah Wagner – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Wagner. The motion carried.

Lori Sue Williams – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Williams. The motion n carried.

Angie Mladenovic – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Mladenovic. The motion carried.

Laura Fillers - A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Fillers. The motion carried.

Christy O’Neal - A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. O’Neal. The motion carried.

Olivia Pomeda - A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Pomeda. The motion carried.

Carrie Reed – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Reed. The motion carried.

Credential Reviews

Credential reviews are for applicants who are internationally educated. These applicants must go through FCCPT to ensure that their education is substantially equivalent to the United States. Those applicants who qualify, must also get a type 1 certificate through FCCPT. The file is then brought before the Committee for final approval.

Maria Alicia Shoop – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to deny Ms. Shoop a provisional license because she did not meet the requirements for a type 1 certificate. The motion carried.

Anne Celeste Lauron - A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve Ms. Lauron to sit for the PT exam. The motion carried.

Lennie Chan Morron – A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to approve Ms. Morron for a provisional license. The motion carried.

Ratification of Initial Determinations

- A. New Licenses
- B. Reinstatements

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the new licenses/reinstatements. The motion carried.

Directors/Administrative Report

Ms. Webb reported that as of January 31, 2006, for physical therapists there were 3655 active licenses, 845 retired licenses, and 1922 failed to renew licenses. For physical therapist assistants, there were 2073 active licenses, 283 retired licenses, and 473 failed to renew licenses.

TNPAP Report

Mr. Mike Harkreader, from the TN Professional Assistance Program, reported that there was one physical therapist and one physical therapist assistant referred to TNPAP. There are currently three physical therapists being monitored. There was one physical therapist and one physical therapist assistant discharged from the program because monitoring was not necessary.

Ms. Swann told the Committee that Ms. Webb would be traveling to Alexandria, VA for the Advanced Administrators meeting in March.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.